

September 1, when their Humvee was hit by an improvised explosive device. Sergeant Charles Todd Caldwell of Attleboro, Massachusetts, and Staff Sergeant Joseph Camara of New Bedford, Massachusetts, had been deployed to Iraq in May and were conducting security operations along a main supply route at the time of the incident. A third Reservist, Specialist Edmund Aponte of Providence, was wounded in the attack, and we pray for his quick and fully recovery.

Staff Sergeant Camara, who commanded the three-person patrol unit, was a police officer in New Bedford and a 21-year veteran of the National Guard. In addition to his commitment to his police duties, Sgt. Camara will be remembered for his dedication to his wife, Anna, and his three children, Matthew, Angela, and Ashley.

Sergeant Caldwell, who worked as a senior financial investment specialist in Norwood, Massachusetts, served in the National Guard since 1997. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, whom he married shortly before his deployment.

These losses remind us of the bravery of our servicemembers as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When their nation called them to duty to preserve freedom, liberty and the security of their neighbors, they answered without hesitation. We will remember them not only as soldiers, but also as patriots, who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, as well as their families. May we keep their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they struggle to endure this difficult period and mourn the heroes America has lost.

We will continue to hope for the safe and speedy return of all of our troops serving throughout the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Second Baptist Church of Keyport. The Second Baptist Church is a pillar of faith, serving the Keyport community as well as the greater Bayshore community since 1893. The church's original congregation flourished under the leadership of its first minister, Reverend David D. Hall. Under Reverend Hall's guidance, the church was able to bring people of African-American decent together, forming a greater sense of community. The church has remained committed to Reverend Hall's vision, and has stayed an active member many community outreach programs for over a century. For example, members of the congregation have put countless hours of work into the Keyport Food Pantry and Manna House in Cliffwood. Furthermore, many members have volunteered countless hours to ministries that sponsor Global outreach, including the Asian Youth Ministries, a youth based worldwide mission stemming out of Red Bank, NJ. I am truly grateful to the Second Baptist Church's congregation for the work that they do and services they provide.

The energy and compassion amongst the members of this church community is to be

commended and admired. I would like to honor 13 individuals in particular who have given the Second Baptist Church many years of dedicated service. Mrs. Mary Alen, Mrs. Floretta Ball, Mrs. Nicie Hammond, Deacon Luther Jackson, Mrs. Josephine John, Mrs. Garnette Lawon, Mrs. Elizabeth Mackason, Deacon Leroy Mackason, Mrs. Mary Major, Mrs. Eloise Schanck, Mrs. Gwendolyn Washington, Mr. William Washington, and Mr. William Williams. All of these men and women deserve to be celebrated for their faith and devotion in working toward a better community.

I want to thank these 13 members as well as the whole congregation for dedicating their time to the Second Baptist Church on its 110th year of serving Keyport, NJ. All of its members should be proud of themselves for helping to build this church into what it is today—a place that fosters volunteerism and a deep sense of community. I would like to congratulate the Second Baptist Church once again on their anniversary and ask my colleagues to join with me in commemorating their 110 years of service.

JAILED CUBAN INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST OSCAR ESPINOSA CHEPE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LANGUISH IN CASTRO'S GULAG

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives the case of Cuban political prisoner Oscar Espinosa Chepe. This 62 year old independent journalist was one of 28 independent journalists and more than 100 other opposition members detained in a massive crackdown in March by the dictatorship.

In April, Mr. Espinosa Chepe was sentenced to 20 years in prison because he wrote press stories, spoke to foreigners and interacted with the foreign press, things we take for granted in this country. In the past 6 months he has been moved through several prisons in the Cuban gulag, and various serious medical conditions have been left untreated. He is currently being held at the Carlos Finlay Military Hospital—a facility visited by some members of this Congress—and is suffering from untreated hepatitis, liver failure, cirrhosis, and high blood pressure. According to his wife who is allowed to see him only every 3 months, all of these conditions were under control before his arrest and she fears he may die.

In the past week, she has also said that Mr. Espinosa Chepe is being held in solitary confinement in an unventilated room, and also believes he is being given psychiatric drugs against his will. The misuse of psychiatric drugs and electroshock therapy against political prisoners considered "anti-social elements" by the Cuban dictatorship has been well-documented. The Center for a Free Cuba, the Committee to Protect Journalists and Amnesty International have all issued urgent appeals for the life and freedom of Oscar Espinosa Chepe.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to stop and focus on cases such as this. Some in Congress say that tourist travel to Cuba will cause

the regime to change. Yet we see a dictatorship that happily collects millions of tourist dollars and refuses to change. We see a regime that will host Members of Congress who oppose U.S. policy, but imprisons Oscar Espinosa Chepe for speaking to foreign journalists. We see Members of Congress who dine with Castro, but often fail to even raise the issue of the hundreds of political prisoners suffering in the dictatorship's prisons.

It is my hope that Mr. Espinosa Chepe will one day soon be free. Sooner than later, Cuba will be free, journalists will not be jailed, and the Cuban people will be free to express their opinions.

A WARM HOME FOR THE WINTER—PROJECT HEAT'S ON

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention Project Heat's On, a community service endeavor that provides invaluable services to the elderly and handicapped in New Mexico and around the country.

Project Heat's On began ten years ago to help ensure that needy citizens have the heat and smoke detection services so critical during the winter. Sponsored by the Mechanical Contractors Association, the event takes place nationally every year and involves thousands of contractors volunteering to help their communities.

On October 4, local contractors in Albuquerque, New Mexico and throughout my home state will once again volunteer to provide free safety inspections and repairs of heating systems as well as new smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to improve homeowners' safety.

This project is notable not just because of the services it provides but because of the cooperation it represents. U.A. Local 412 and MCA of New Mexico have participated with United Way, the Office of Senior Affairs, and the Red Cross to work for 1200 of New Mexico's low-income elderly and handicapped citizens over the past years. Project Heat's On thus demonstrates not only a commitment to community but a willingness of labor, management, and government to work together.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and all the residents of New Mexico in honoring and thanking the Mechanical Contractors Association and its partners for ten years of providing warm and safe homes for the winter ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STEEL FINANCING FAIRNESS ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Steel Financing Fairness Act. This bill helps our Nation's beleaguered steel industry by stopping the Government from forcing American steel workers to subsidize their foreign competitors. Specifically, the bill prohibits